

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, in the Council Chambers, 316 Railway Avenue, in Conquest, Saskatchewan.

Present were:

Reeve: Barry Friesen

Councilors for      Div. 1: Lonnie Ingell      Div. 4: Bob Silverthorn  
                                 Div. 2: Bryce Mauch (abs)      Div. 5: Craig Barrington  
                                 Div. 3: Mike Z. Hofer      Div. 6: Bill Thompson

Administrator L. Jean Jones and MAIP Intern Hannah Maclean

Reeve Friesen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

36/26

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

37/26

HOFER: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 14, 2026 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

38/26

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 17406-17433, direct deposits, and online payments for January and February 2026, all totaling \$69,965.56 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

39/26

BARRINGTON: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2026 and Bank Reconciliation at January 31, 2026 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

40/26

THOMPSON: That the list of correspondence be acknowledged as attached to and forming a part of these minutes, now be filed.

CARRIED.

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Properties For Sale by Tender

41/26

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 advertise the following municipal properties for sale by tender in the February 19, 2026 issue of THE OUTLOOK: Lots 15-16, Block 3, Plan G421 Ext 0; Lots 11-13, Block 2, Plan G84 Ext 0; Lots 40-41, Block 3, Plan G84 Ext 0; Lot 1, Block 5, Plan G84 Ext 0; Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders to be received by March 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED.

SARM Annual Convention March 10-12, 2026 in Regina

42/26

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 register Administrator L. Jean Jones and MAIP Intern Hannah Maclean for the SARM Annual Convention March 10-12, 2026 in Regina. Mileage costs to be reimbursed by the municipality.

CARRIED.

Letter of Support to R.M. of Langenburg No. 181

43/26

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide a Letter of support to the R.M. of Langenburg No. 181 regarding the restructuring of Villages into Rural Municipalities.

CARRIED.

Provincial Ombudsman "Fundamentals of Fairness Workshop"

44/26

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send any member of Council or Administration to attend a "Fundamentals of Fairness Workshop" presented by the Provincial Ombudsman on March 25, 2026 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Outlook. Cost is \$25 per person.

CARRIED.

RMAA UMAAS Spring Workshop - 2026

45/26

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send the Administrator and MAIP Intern to the RMAA UMAAS Spring Workshop 2026, April 2, 2026 in Swift Current. Registration (MAIP Intern) and travel costs to be reimbursed by the municipality.

CARRIED.

Railway Crossing Repairs

46/26

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the following crossing repairs: Conquest Subdivision)

Crossing	Mile Point	Length (ft)	Type	Description	Total Cost	RM Portion
MP 24.73	Ogilvie	32	Public	Hardwood	\$17,205.00	\$8,602.50
MP 26.83	FV Cemetery	32	Public	Soft Wood	\$8,826.15	\$4,413.08
MP 38.52	Bratton	32	Public	Soft Wood	\$8,826.15	\$4,413.08
MP 42.71	Cruikshank E	32	Public	Soft Wood	\$8,035.00	\$4,017.50
MP 44.4	McKenzie S	32	Public	Soft Wood	\$8,826.15	\$4,413.08.

CARRIED.

47/26

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency 2026 Municipal Invoice  
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 pay the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency 2026 Municipal Invoice in the amount of \$14,858.00.

CARRIED.

10:15 A.M. Dean Weldon, Pest Control Officer, dropped in to speak with Council regarding the Rat Control Applicator Course he is enrolled in. He is finding there is a lot of information he isn't sure about. The Administrator to check with SIAST on the content of the Rat Control Applicator Course and any review materials available. Dean Weldon left the Council Chambers at 10:20 a.m.

10:35A.M. Foreman Darren Jones met with Council to review tractor quotes received from PMC Sales Equipment & Irrigation (2025 Deutz-Fahr 6160 Agrottron), Redhead Equipment (2024 CaseIH Puma 165), Earthworks Equipment (2026 Kubota M7-154 and 2025 Kubota M7-174), John Deere Western Sales (25-26? 6M 155 Cab Tractor and John Deere 660R Standard Farm Loader). Discussed trade in value for the John Deere 7410 tractor with 9926 hours. Darren left the Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

*S. M. K.*  
DELEGATION: 11:00 A.M. CASA BOLDT CONSULTING  
- KLOEY BELLS AND CHAD WATSON

Professional Planners and Community Consultants from Casa Boldt Consulting met with Council to provide information on the services their company can offer to a municipality. Particular attention focused on building and development and future planning and development by the municipality. Support would be provided as and when needed for Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Updates or Amendments. An Agreement for Services would need to be entered into. Ms. Bells and Mr. Watson left the Council Chambers at 11:40 a.m.

48/26

Building Permit No. 01-2026  
SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue Building Permit 01-2026 to Enbridge Pipelines Inc., Trailers (3) for electrical upgrades.

CARRIED.

49/26

Adjournment  
BARRINGTON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED.

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Reeve

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Administrator